

## UNDERWOOD GIVES MULHALL A DRUBBING

Describes Him as "Liar, Black-mailer, Gold-Brick Man and Libeller."

### DENIES EVERY CHARGE

"I'll Submit My Case to the Country and Stand as Clean Before It as You Will," Retorts Alleged Lobbyist.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]  
Washington, July 29.—Colonel M. M. Mulhall was branded as a "liar, a black-mailer, a gold-brick man and a libeller" by Oscar W. Underwood, the Democratic leader of the House, before the Senate investigating committee to-day. Mr. Underwood was angry, but he kept his temper under control. His whole manner was one of disgust that the Senate committee should place any credence in the contents of Mulhall's letters, and he did not hesitate to tell the investigators that it was his duty to let the country know how far gone in his life the lobbyist's pretended intimate relations with men prominent before the public.

"Is that man's name Mulhall?" he demanded, pointing his finger at the alleged lobbyist. "Well, I never saw him before in my life. This is the first time I ever saw him. I regard a man of his kind as purely a blackmailer who evidently has been blackmailing men in authority."

In one of Mulhall's letters yesterday reference was made to an "interview" he had had with Mr. Underwood, at which the latter told him why William R. Wilson had been made chairman of the Labor Committee. The alleged lobbyist tried to modify this statement by testifying that the "interview" consisted merely of meeting Mr. Underwood in a corridor of the Capitol.

Underwood Never Met Mulhall.

Referring to the Mulhall letters in which his name was mentioned, Mr. Underwood denied in no uncertain terms every statement therein. He was sure he never met Mulhall, he said, because the latter had an unusual face that was not easily forgotten, and he declared that he would not know Mr. Kirby, the president of the National Association of Manufacturers, and Mr. Emery, one of its counsel, if he met them.

"To show that Mulhall was simply lying," Mr. Underwood declared there never had been any doubt as to Mr. Wilson's selection as chairman of the committee on Labor. So far as Mr. Wilson's first being considered for the chairmanship of the committee on Census he had never heard of it until Mulhall's letters had been read.

"Not only do I say that this statement in his letter is false," continued Mr. Underwood, "but the very fact that he says I said what he attributes to me can be disproved by every Democratic member of the committee on Ways and Means that you choose to call—except the bare fact that we were unanimous in selecting Mr. Wilson for chairman of the committee on Labor."

Mulhall Defends Himself.

Mr. Underwood would not have it that way, however, and Mulhall shouted, trembling violently, "I want to say to Mr. Underwood, and to the country as well, that I have indorsements from the leading Republicans of the country, and if you brand me in this way, if you say I lied here, I will submit my testimony to the country, and I believe that I will stand as clean before them as you will."

"Well, I am not entering into any controversy with you as to your standing before the country," retorted Mr. Underwood, with a laugh, as he left the room. The committee practically finished its examination of Mulhall's letters this evening, and to-morrow will cross-examine him by asking more than three hundred questions prepared by the National Association of Manufacturers and counsel of the House. The greater part of the letters read to-day related to the alleged lobbyist's break with Representative McDermott over the \$50 check of Harold McCormick, which the Stock Yards Congressman declared Mulhall "held out on him." Letters were also read showing Mulhall's efforts to get back in the employ of the association at the same time that he was trying to dispose of his correspondence. As late as last May, one of these letters showed, he begged ex-Congressman James E. Watson to help him.

These letters, Mulhall said, had been refused by Mr. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and by the present Secretary of Labor, Mr. Wilson. He said that he even tried to get the House to investigate the association, and that Congressman McDermott had talked to Speaker Clark and Mr. Mann about it, and had been told that they would not take it up. This was on December 5, 1911, when Mulhall was still on the payroll of the association.

Mulhall brought the day to a climax by swearing that McDermott had acknowledged to him that he had signed Mulhall's name to a check for \$50.

Mulhall made this statement when he was questioned about a trip to Chicago in April, 1912, to help McDermott in the primaries. He said that Harold F. McCormick, son-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, contributed a check for \$50 to McDermott campaign. Mulhall said he did not receive it until after he returned to Baltimore.

He cashed this check in Baltimore, but later the bank there and the one in Chicago on which it was drawn informed him that a duplicate bearing his signature had been honored also. He told the committee he never knew what had happened until McDermott told him.

### TO FIX COMMISSION LAW

Special Session of Legislature Called by Gov. Fielder.

Trenton, N. J., July 29.—Governor Fielder to-day issued a call for a special session of the Legislature on August 10 to correct deficiencies in the Walsh commission government law.

Warren Dixon, formerly Corporation Counsel of Jersey City, said yesterday that Governor Fielder's calling a special session of the Legislature would not change his plans as to quo warranto proceedings to upset the Jersey City commission. He said he intended to go ahead and expected to be successful.

## MARVIN AS WEATHER SEER

Chief of Instrument Division Nominated to Head Bureau.

Washington, July 29.—Professor Charles F. Marvin was nominated to-day as Chief of the Weather Bureau to succeed Willis L. Moore, recently removed. Marvin, who has been chief of the instrument division since 1888, was appointed to the old signal service, since renamed the Weather Bureau, in 1884 from Ohio.

Born at Columbus, Ohio, Marvin was educated in the public schools there and at the Ohio State University. He was recommended for Chief of the Weather Bureau by the National Academy of Sciences, which canvassed the field. The first choice was Professor Marvin.

Under the new chief more attention will be paid to reports and forecasts as they are likely to affect agriculture and general farming conditions.

Marvin is the inventor of many instruments used by the bureau. He has represented the Department of Agriculture at a number of important meteorological congresses and has written extensively on the subject of weather investigations. President Wilson also nominated Bernard M. Cannon to-day for collector of internal revenue for the 3th District of New Jersey.

## TWO ESCAPES FOR BRYAN

Now Accident Insurance Solicitors Are on His Trail.

Washington, July 29.—Secretary Bryan was sought by accident insurance solicitors to-day as the result of two narrow escapes from disaster yesterday.

Driving to the Department of State the Secretary's carriage was narrowly missed by a streetcar, and a moment later a heavy electric bus came close to ramming it amidships.

Throughout the experience the Secretary's well known smile did not fail him. His placidity was in striking contrast to the agitation of the driver and the nervous prostration from which the sufferer and his driver seemed to be suffering.

## POWERS SHUN EXPOSITION

England, Germany and Japan Have Not Accepted Invitation.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]  
Washington, July 29.—Persons here interested in the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco in 1915 are considerably perturbed over the failure of Great Britain, Germany, Japan and other countries to accept the invitation sent them about a year ago to participate in the celebration. The State Department is taking an interest in the matter, and shortly an agent will go out from Washington to call on the diplomats accredited to the United States, most of whom are spending the summer out of Washington.

It is said in official circles that Great Britain is holding off on account of the American attitude in the Panama Canal tolls matter, a settlement of which England wants, while there is no indication that this country is doing anything about it. It would be too much to say that the inaction of England is responsible for other countries failing to respond, but it is nevertheless considered a fact that if England should announce her intention of participating in the exposition the other great nations would promptly do the same thing.

Although the exposition is more than a year and a half off, it is considered that it is none too soon to learn whether the other nations will participate.

## CURRENCY BILL DRAGS

No Vote on Insurgent Amendment Till Last Moment.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]  
Washington, July 29.—Continuing their "honor-bound-not-to-tell-what-happens" conference, the Democrats of the House Banking and Currency Committee made slow progress to-day on the administration currency bill, which is to be thrown for salvation into a party caucus on August 1.

Representative Bulkley, near insurgent member of the committee, again met defeat in an attempt to curb the powers of the federal reserve board, which the Ohio member says is given too much authority under the administration bill. Mr. Bulkley sought to strike from the bill subsection "C" of section 12, which gives the board power, among other things, "to suspend for a period not exceeding thirty days and to renew such suspension for periods not to exceed fifteen days and every reserve requirement specified in this act." The Bulkley motion was defeated 8 to 2.

The Democrats, who will continue their secret conferences for another week or ten days, will postpone until the last moment a vote on the Henry-Ragade amendments, representing the views of the insurgent faction in the committee and House. These amendments strike at the fundamentals of the bill and provide for an enlarged reserve board and for a scheme of currency based on warehouse receipts covering the chief agricultural products.

## NEW WATER POWER POLICY

Government Provides for Low Rates to Consumers.

Washington, July 29.—A new policy in the granting of water power permits was begun to-day, when authority for development of an electric project with an ultimate capacity of 300,000 horsepower on the Pend Oreille River, Washington, was granted to the International Power and Manufacturing Company.

The grant may run perpetually and can be revoked only for violation of its terms or the provisions of the general regulations. The lower the rate charged to the consuming public the lower the rate collected by the government, and to protect the public further a maximum charge of 6 cents per kilowatt hour was fixed.

To allow the United States to compete with Sweden, Norway and other countries in the manufacture of nitrates for fertilizing purposes, the company will have to pay only about 20 per cent of the regular rate for the power it uses in such manufactures.

## NO RUSSIAN RECIPROCITY

Treaty Abrogation a Barrier to Free Pulp and Paper.

Washington, July 29.—Secretary McAdoo announced that wood pulp and paper would not be admitted free of duty from Russia under "most favored nation" treatment, in view of the fact that the treaty of commerce and navigation between the United States and Russia had been abrogated.

The Customs Court recently decided that European countries with favored nation treaties were entitled to free wood pulp and paper because that provision was granted to Canada. The Treasury Department has accepted that principle, but for the time being will apply it only to Norway, Austria-Hungary and Germany, which, aside from Russia, were the only countries directly involved in the decision.

## "WHITE SLAVE" STORM FOLLOWS FILIBUSTER

McReynolds Bitterly Criticized in House for Delaying Caminetti-Diggs Trial.

### DEFENCE ONLY LUKEWARM

"Muck Raking," "Playing Politics," Say Democrats—McNab Praised as Nation's Benefactor.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]  
Washington, July 29.—After a ten-day filibuster the Republicans forced the Democrats of the House to-day to permit discussion of the Caminetti-Diggs "white slave" cases and the action of the administration in postponing the trial of the San Francisco defendants. For four hours the course of the Attorney General was assailed by the minority members. Democrats entered a half-hearted defence of the administration, attempting to brush aside an embarrassing situation by asserting that the minority sought "to play politics."

Representative Julius Kahn, of California, was especially bitter in his criticism of the dilatory tactics pursued by the Department of Justice. The administration, he said, would have strengthened itself with the country had it refused to accept the resignation of District Attorney McNab.

Mr. Kahn's last resolution reported by the Judiciary Committee forced the Attorney General to produce a telegram which he sent from his hotel on May 15 to District Attorney McNab. This telegram, which was omitted from the papers originally sent to the committee by Mr. McReynolds, ordered a delay in the trials, and was sent a month in advance of the request of Secretary Wilson that the trial of Caminetti should be postponed until fall, in order that the defendant's father, the Commissioner General of Immigration, might be present at the arraignment.

Contrasting the treatment accorded to the influential and influential, Mr. Kahn also showed that one Earl Fullerton, who had no political "pull," had been indicted for a violation of the "white slave" law on May 1. While the Caminetti-Diggs case has hung fire Fullerton has been tried, convicted and sentenced to two years in prison.

Representative Martin Dies, of Texas, offered a typical Democratic defence of the administration when he accused Mr. Kahn and other Republicans of "making a mountain out of a molehill." The "white slave" controversy, saying: "This is the most infinitesimal piece of muckraking I ever heard of."

Mr. Kahn, in closing his denunciation of the course of the Attorney General, said: "Mr. McNab did the country a signal service when he sent his forceful resignation to the President of the United States. He did the country a signal service when he refused to be a party to a programme that would have given verisimilitude to the statement that Diggs, Caminetti and the Western Fuel Company directors, being rich or politically powerful, could secure delay, and thus possibly defeat justice. Wherever there are honest men and pure women in the United States they applaud and approve his course, despite the gratuitous and undeserved reprimand of the President of the United States."

The Attorney General issued a statement to-day in which he declared that there would be no delay in the prosecution of the Diggs-Caminetti cases. Mr. McReynolds said the department confidently expected the case would go to trial August 5.

Mr. McReynolds denied a report that federal attorneys had been instructed to prosecute only cases in which the defendants participated in the profits of the traffic.

## PROTECTORATE DOUBTFUL

Senators Show Opposition to Nicaraguan Treaty.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]  
Washington, July 29.—Opposition to the proposed treaty with Nicaragua providing for an American protectorate reached such a point when the subject came up for discussion in the Foreign Relations Committee to-day that the prediction was made by Senators who did not favor the policy that the treaty would fail of ratification.

Senators Borah and Clarke, of Arkansas, led the fight against the adoption of the policy embodied in the treaty. They were supported by Senators Williams and Smith, of Michigan. This opposition was directed against the assumption of the obligation to stand responsible for the orderly conduct of affairs in Central America or to take a step which ultimately might mean exercising full control over the five small republics, and possibly Mexico itself.

The question will be discussed further by the Foreign Relations Committee Saturday.

## DETECTIVES QUIZ BISHOP

Dr. Gailor Mistaken for an Alleged Bogus Priest.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Louisville, July 29.—The Right Rev. Thomas F. Gailor, an Episcopalian Bishop, of Memphis, and chancellor of the University of the South, who was returning from New York, where he had been in charge of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church for the last month, was forced to undergo a rigid examination to-day in the union depot at Cincinnati before convincing the authorities that he is not the bogus priest who has recently fooled large numbers of New Yorkers.

Bishop Gailor was travelling with his daughter and a girl friend of hers. A passenger who had read the description of the alleged priest and two girls was certain he had found the right parties. He wired to Cincinnati from a way station and several detectives were waiting for the bishop when he arrived. After a lengthy examination he was allowed to depart.

## SOCIALISTS FIRST IN FIELD.

The first convention for county officers was held in The Bronx last night, when the Socialist organization met in Lincoln Hall, at 189th street and Boston Road, with three hundred present, and nominated Herman Schluter, editor of the "Volk's Zeitung," for Borough President.

Miss Marion Lang, a West Chester girl, who is an all around athlete, was nominated for the Assembly.

## SEES AERO FIRE FIGHTERS

Salem's Mayor Predicts Flying Engines and Hose Carts.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Boston, July 29.—A flying machine fire department for Salem was to-day predicted by John F. Hurley, Mayor of that city. Fire engines, hooks and ladders, hose wagons and aerial water towers of the future will go through the air on the wings of aeroplanes instead of using the city streets, according to Hurley's ideas, as expressed to-day.

"I intend to eliminate horses from Salem, so far as the city service goes," said Mayor Hurley to-day. "Of course, if private individuals want to keep a few of them for driving purposes that is all right, but the death knell of the horses has been sounded so far as commercial life is concerned. In time all this work, which is about to be done by motor vehicles, will be done by flying machines. We are going to have flying machine fire engines, flying machine garbage wagons, etc."

## 'SUING SICKNESS' SPREADS

Sponsor of "Litigating Paranoia" Himself a Plaintiff.

Dr. Siegfried Block of No. 818 Greene avenue, Brooklyn, an alienist, who testified before Justice Scudder that Mrs. Madeline Le Compte, wife of Edward Le Compte, a wealthy electrical engineer, of No. 29 Woolsey avenue, was suffering from "litigating paranoia," has sued Mr. Le Compte for \$1,000 for service rendered in examining the mental condition of Mrs. Le Compte and testifying at the trial.

The Le Comptes have been in the courts since last December, and their domestic troubles finally reached a climax when Mrs. Le Compte was taken to the Flatbush Insane Asylum. She was released a few days later on a writ of habeas corpus. She then sued her husband for separation, while he brought an action to compel her to recover to him property valued at \$25,000. The case was tried before Justice Scudder without a jury, and Dr. Block was one of the experts engaged by Mr. Le Compte to show that his wife was mentally unbalanced.

Before Justice Scudder gave his decision the couple became reconciled.

## CITY ASKED TO BUY HOTEL

Merchants' Association Advises Purchase of Astor House.

Recommending the purchase of the Astor Hotel property, with all adjacent lots in the Astor rectangle facing on Broadway, the Merchants' Association has written a letter to Mayor Gaynor asking him to present its proposal to the Board of Estimate at to-morrow's meeting.

The Merchants' Association recommends that an effort be made to get the federal government to take this rectangle in exchange for the old postoffice site, which could be restored to the City Hall Park.

Vincent Astor and William Waldorf Astor own the hotel and adjacent lands bounded by Broadway, Vesey and Barclay streets, which, according to the association, are assessed at \$1,797,000, and comprise an area of 52,701 square feet. The postoffice covers an area of 32,850 square feet, and is assessed at \$1,100,000.

## CHARLTON TO GO AUGUST 13

Italian Consulate Officials So Inform Sheriff.

Porter Charlton, charged with slaying his wife, will be taken from the county jail, Jersey City, on August 13, and put on board a steamer that will carry him to Italy. That was the information given yesterday to the sheriff by the officials of the Italian consulate. The Italian detectives assigned to take charge of the prisoner sailed a few days ago from Naples, and are due to arrive here on August 8.

Charlton is in excellent health, considering his three years' confinement pending the decision of the highest court on the application of the Italian government for his surrender on the charge of killing his wife, Mary Scott-Castle-Charlton, at Lake Como. His father and stepmother probably will accompany him to Italy. They are daily visitors at the jail.

## SAVES BOY FROM RUNAWAY

Patrolman Rescues Lad Who Was Clinging to Horse's Neck.

After being dragged by a runaway horse for more than a block yesterday afternoon Patrick Amendola, eleven years old, of No. 63 Wythe avenue, Williamsburg, was probably saved from injury by the action of a patrolman. The boy ran into the roadway at Rodney street and Wythe avenue and pulled the horse away from the animal.

In a vain attempt to stop the horse the boy ran into the street and got hold of the animal's bridle. With the lad clinging to its neck, the horse increased its speed. Fredericks was knocked down when he rescued the child. An ambulance surgeon treated the boy for various injuries, and he was removed to his home.

## REVOLT IN DUTCHESS JAIL

Prisoners Curse Sheriff, Who Finds Weapons in Cells.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y., July 29.—Influenced by the reports of the revolt of the prisoners at Sing Sing, the prisoners confined in the Dutchess County Jail in this city to-day started an insurrection.

The revolt of the prisoners was checked by Sheriff Hornbeck and a jailer, who discovered several weapons hidden under the bunks of a dozen prisoners who are charged with burglary.

Hoots, jeers and curses greeted the Sheriff when he finished his hunt for weapons. Aided by deputies he drove the prisoners into their cells. It is said a plan was on foot for a jail delivery late this week.

## OFFER SKIN TO SAVE CHILD

Two Volunteers to Make Sacrifice for Six-Year-Old Girl.

Skin grafting from two persons to save the life of Rosie Karnvan, six years old, of No. 62 Hopkinson avenue, Brooklyn, will be performed to-day at St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn. The child has been in a serious condition since last April. At that time she was badly burned by falling into a bonfire.

## TARIFF HOLD-UP MAY FORCE ADJOURNMENT

Democrats Warned, Under Penalty of Prolonged Session, to Postpone Currency.

### ULTIMATUM BY GALLINGER

Filibuster Charge Futile, Says Sutherland, in View of Protracted Deliberations.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, July 29.—An ultimatum was delivered to the Democrats of the Senate to-day, as forecasted in The Tribune dispatches, that if currency was to be considered at the present session of Congress the debate on the tariff would be indefinitely prolonged.

The question of a final vote on the tariff bill was brought up by Senator Brandegee, who submitted a telegram from former Representative Ebenezer Hill, calling attention to the depression in the wool industry because of the uncertainty regarding the date when the new law would go into effect. Senator Brandegee urged the Democratic leaders to fix, if possible, a definite date when the final vote might be taken.

The Democratic leaders, admitting that the request was a legitimate one, attempted to fasten the responsibility for the delay in the passage of the tariff bill upon the Republicans. Senator Lodge replied by asserting that it was only natural that if Senators were to be obliged to remain in session indefinitely to comply with the demands of the administration for the enactment of currency legislation, they would not be disposed to hurry tariff legislation.

"If assurances can be given," said Senator Gallinger, "that Congress will adjourn when the vote on the tariff bill is taken, every effort will be made by this side of the chamber to expedite a vote in the tariff bill by meeting earlier and curtailing speeches on the subject. If no assurance is given the debate will probably continue indefinitely."

Senator Sutherland called attention to the fact that the bill had been in the hands of the Democratic members of the Finance Committee and the Democratic caucus for two months, intimating that the majority could not justly charge the Republicans with filibustering.

The reason for to-day's discussion lies in the fact that Senators on both sides of the chamber are much averse to taking up currency at the present session of Congress, and are insistent upon adjourning to recuperate from the almost continuous labors in which they have been engaged for the last four years. The prediction was made to-day that, even if the President should insist upon currency legislation at the present session, he would not succeed, and that a quorum of the Senate would not be obtainable once the tariff bill was out of the way.

Senator Sterling to-day charged the Democrats with overturning one of the fundamental policies of the country in their tariff revision without the sanction of a majority of the voters of the country. Senator Sterling declared the country was not ready to abandon the policy of protection.

## BARGAIN SEWER WANTED

Bronx Valley's \$267,000 Sedimentation Plant Opposed.

Frank J. Hoyle, chairman of the Bronx Valley Sewer Commission, announced at a meeting in White Plains yesterday that the commission had been enjoined from erecting the proposed \$267,000 sedimentation plant for the big trunk sewer in the Tibbits Brook Valley, in Yonkers. The action is brought by Maria K. Haultgan, of Euclid avenue, Yonkers, but the Lincoln Park Association is back of the court proceedings.

The temporary injunction was granted Monday by Justice Keogh and it is returnable Friday before Justice Mills, of the Supreme Court, White Plains. Joseph S. Wood, of Mount Vernon, entered a protest against spending the amount of money called for in the low bid, \$267,000, and said he had been advised by Clyde Fotts, of No. 30 Church street, New York City, that the plant could be built for much less. He cited as a precedent the Euclid Avenue Sewer and Englewood, all having the same population as the Tibbits Brook Valley, in Yonkers, which cost sums ranging from \$13,000 to \$14,000.

Mr. Wood suggested, and the board concurred, that Mr. Fotts and A. P. Hartman, the chief engineer of the commission, confer and report back to the commission at a later date.

## BETRAYED BY PET WOLF

Man Said To Be Escaped Slayer Found in Jersey.

[From The Tribune Correspondent.]  
Verona, N. J., July 29.—A taste for pets resulted in the arrest here to-day of Charles Austin, a negro, who, according to information from Raleigh, escaped from a North Carolina prison, where he was serving a thirty-year sentence for murder.

Austin is being held for extradition. For the last two years Austin has been employed as a chauffeur for Dr. H. B. Whittemore, a physician for the Essex County Penitentiary. Some time ago Austin obtained a wolf, which he kept as a "watch dog," but its howls disturbed the neighborhood and Austin was compelled to get rid of it.

The incident attracted attention, however, and his record was looked up. He was identified by a scar on his head, and it is said he admitted that he was the man wanted.

## WOODEN LEG SPEEDS AUTO

Wedge in Clutches Driver Can't Stop, Though Two Shots Warn Him.

It took two shots fired into the air to stop an automobile at Broadway and 10th street, out of which a girl had fallen to the street, and the driver, Hugh Herndon, a lawyer at No. 49 Wall street, testified in the Harlem court yesterday that it was impossible to stop sooner, as a woman who was sitting beside him had a wooden leg which was wedged between the clutches. Herndon was discharged.

## BRAVED SMALLPOX TO WED

Girl and Minister Vaccinated—Ceremony in Hospital.

Lebanon, Penn., July 29.—The death of Wallace Van Sickle, of Macon, Ga., in a hospital here to-day revealed the devotion of Miss Miriam Bowman, a member of a prominent Lebanon family. Shortly after Van Sickle became engaged to her he was stricken with typhoid fever.

The wedding date was postponed in the hope of Van Sickle's speedy recovery. There was no change, however, so it was decided that the marriage should be solemnized in the hospital.

The hospital, owing to smallpox, was under quarantine, but the authorities permitted the young woman and a clergyman to enter the place after they had submitted to vaccination.

The ceremony was performed and the bride remained beside her husband until he died.

## CONTEMPT FINE FOR TRUST

Grocers' Association Failed to Obey Decree of Court.

Birmingham, Ala., July 29.—Federal Judge Grubb to-day fined the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association \$2,500 for contempt of court in violating a decree issued in 1911 commanding the organization to abide by federal anti-trust laws. J. H. McLaurin, of Jacksonville, Fla., president of the association; H. Lacey Hunt, of Wilmington, N. C., and L. A. Melchers, of Charleston, S. C., were fined \$1,000 each, and the costs were assessed against the corporation and the three individual defendants according to costs of their respective witnesses.

Judge Grubb held that President McLaurin, in issuing a circular in October, 1911, stating the decree of the court would not affect practices of the association, had committed a violation.

As to Hunt, his letter to a manufacturer signed as a director in the association, advising not to sell to a retailer, was a violation, it was held, and the same charge was made against Melchers.

## GIRL ACCUSES EVANGELIST

Rich Lay Preacher Summoned on Her Complaint.

[From The Tribune Correspondent.]

Lynbrook, Long Island, July 29.—W. P. W. Hoff, Jr., known throughout Long Island as the "business man-evangelist," who owns a chain of coal pockets in the important towns and villages, was asked yesterday to appear on Saturday before Justice Edward T. Neu and answer a serious charge made against him by a young woman. The coal dealer was not arrested.

The girl is Florence Hoff, also of Lynbrook, but despite the similarity of names she is not related to the man who accuses, who is married, is the father of several children and lives in a handsome home in Raymond avenue. He has preached in many churches of Brooklyn and other parts of Long Island. In May he received a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Patchogue.

The Hoff girl in her complaint said the evangelist was the father of a child born to her in December. It was said here to-day that the names of other prominent persons will be dragged into the story, and Justice Neu's courtroom will not be large enough to accommodate those who will seek to hear the girl's story.

Religious and social circles in Lynbrook, in both of which Hoff stood among the highest, were greatly stirred to-day by charges of the Hoff girl. Hoff to-day denied absolutely that there was a word of truth in them. He asserted the charges were brought for purposes of blackmail, besides owning the chain of coal yards, Hoff publishes a weekly newspaper. He has been active for several years as a lay preacher of the Baptist denomination.